

County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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March 20, 2012

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to approve an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$13,451,000 for the Reserve for Housing Authority Program to provide an alternative funding source for affordable housing projects recommended by the County Housing Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$13,451,000 to establish a County General Fund Reserve for Housing Authority Program as an alternative source of funding for affordable housing projects recommended by the County Housing Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Housing Authority has filed a separate Board letter recommending approval of allocation of City of Industry tax increment funds and environmental documentation for six affordable housing developments. On March 13, 2012, your Board, on motion of Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina, directed this Office to prepare a Board letter for consideration at the March 20, 2012 Board meeting

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that allows the Board to approve the Housing Authority's recommended affordable housing projects using the City of Industry tax increment funds, and commit to the use of County General Funds as an alternative source of funds should the City of Industry funds not be upheld as an enforceable obligation. In addition, as amended by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board approved the order of the source of funding if the City of Industry funds are not available: property tax first, and then County General Fund as a last resort.

Special legislation allowed the City of Industry to transfer tax increment generated by the 20 percent affordable housing set-aside required of redevelopment projects to the County Housing Authority to be spent on affordable housing projects within a 15-mile radius of the City of Industry. Due to the recent dissolution of redevelopment in the State of California, the Housing Authority does not know whether the Industry Housing Funds will be accessible during the dissolution process. According to the Dissolution Bill (ABx1 26), unspent housing fund balances of all former redevelopment agencies are to be returned to the County Auditor-Controller, who will distribute the funds to all taxing entities as property tax. There are current attempts in the Legislature to overturn the disbursement of unspent housing funds, and return those funds to the local housing authorities. Because of this uncertainty, the provision of the County General Fund as a backstop will allow the Housing Authority to continue the process of recommending affordable housing projects selected through the Housing Authority's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Fiscal Management Initiative under Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan: Operational Effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The appropriation adjustment for FY 2011-12, in the amount of \$13,451,000 will establish a Reserve for Housing Authority Program using secured property taxes revenue as an alternative source of funds should the City of Industry funds not be upheld as an enforceable obligation. Due to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in the State, the City of Industry funds may not be available. However, should legislative efforts to preserve unspent affordable housing balances be successful, the City of Industry funds will be available for affordable housing projects.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not Applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The requested action will allow the Housing Authority to continue the process of recommending affordable housing projects in the County of Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Community Development Commission/Housing Authority

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 20, 2012

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2011-12

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

<u>USES</u>

FINANCING ELEMENTS
A01-AO-80-8003-99999
PROP TAXES-CURRENT-SEC
INCREASE REVENUE

13,451,000

FINANCING ELEMENTS

A01-301B RESERVE FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY PROGRAM

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Matt McGloin, Manager, CEO

INCREASE RESERVE

13,451,000

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 13,451,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 13,451,000

JUSTIFICATION

To establish a General Fund reserve as an alternative source of funding for the Housing Authority's affordable housing program, should the use of City of Industry tax increment funds not be upheld as an enforceable obligation. Approved by the Board on March 13, 2012.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ...

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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